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TRAINING OF SPORTSPERSONS ABROAD
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to send sportspersons abroad for improving their level of performance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the names of the countries from where Indian sportspersons have received training in different disciplines so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The teams and sportspersons are provided financial assistance for training and participation abroad under the following schemes.

(i) Assistance to National Sports Federations: Under this scheme, the Government provides assistance to National Sports Federations for training-cum-competition as well as for participation in international events abroad for improving their level of performance. During the last three years, 290 sportspersons have been sent for training abroad.

(ii) Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training: Under this scheme, financial assistance of upto Rs. 5.00 lakh is provided for training and participation of national champions as well as elite players in international events to improve their performance. During the last three years, assistance has been provided to 68 sportspersons under this scheme.

(iii) National Sports Development Fund : Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to elite sportspersons who are medal hopes in major international events for training and participation abroad. Under this scheme, during the last 3 years, 10 sportspersons have been assisted including Lt. Col. Rajyavardhan Rathore, silver medallist of Athens Olympic 2004.

(c) Does not arise

(d) Indian sportspersons have received training at all the leading sporting countries which are traditionally strong in a particular discipline. In the recent past, Indian sportspersons/teams have been sent to the following countries for advanced training: USA, UK, Italy, China, Uzbekistan, Germany, Ukraine, Slovenia, France, Netherlands, Hungary, Japan, Kuwait, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Spain and Australia.